

SHOWER SAFETY RING

CUSTOMER NUMBER 39048

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**COLOR PICTURES OF SHOWER SAFETY RING
ACTUALLY BEING USED INCLUDED.**



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RANKIN (3,990,120)

**1. THIS DEVICE MAKES NO PROVISIONS FOR
GETTING A VICTIM OUT OF THE RING IN AN**

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EMERGENCY. THE RING IS SOLID STEEL WHICH WOULD CHOKE OR INJURE A VICTIM FALLING.

2. THE DEVICE DOES NOTHING TO PREVENT HORIZONTAL ACCELERATION IN A FALL AND SLAMMING INTO AN END WALL AND KNOBS.

3. THE DEVICE MAKES NO ARRANGMENTS FOR FASTENING THE BRACKET TO THE WALL STUDS OF AN IRREGULAR SPACING.

THE DEVICE DOES NOT REMOTELY PERFORM AS THE "SHOWER SAFETY RING".

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2. THE DEVICE MAKES NO ARRANGEMENTS FOR FASTENING THE BRACKET TO THE WALL STUDS OF AN IRREGULAR SPACING.

3. THE DEVICE DOES NOT PERFORM AS THE "SHOWER SAFETY RING".

4. THE DEVICE MAKES NO PROVISIONS FOR GETTING A VICTIM OUT OF THE RING IN AN

EMERGENCY.

**5. THE SMALL DIAMETER OF THE RING (95)
MAKES IT SUSCEPTIBLE TO CHOKING A DISABLED
VICTIM.**